

Feast of the Most Precious Blood

Dear Father;

I know it's has been three months since I received your letter, but it seems since Mom has died that one thing or the other has always come up and delayed me in writing to you. Then too, the longer I put it off, the harder it was for me to write, but I made up my mind this time that I'd go through with it.

First of all I want to thank you for the very nice letter you wrote me about Mom. You'll never know how happy it has made me. It was just wonderful that's all. I think of Mom like she did about Bobby and that was that she would not trade places and come back either. In the earthly way, I'm lonesome and miss her but spiritually, I'm so happy for her and hope some day that I can join her and Bobby too.

I also want to thank you for the three relic pictures of your founder, St. Anthony Mary Claret. I know that you must have witnessed one of the most beautiful rites of the Catholic Church. One of the pictures I gave to Brother Stanislaus, O.C., a wonderful friend of my mother's. In a way she treated him like a son. He felt that way too and really misses her. One, I gave to a very sick person and the other one I have. I have it with all the other relics that Mom had. I treasure each and every one of them.

Since Mom is dead, I feel her presence nearer to me than when she was living. A month ago a young man who was the same age of Bobby and who she helped put thru the seminary and bring him from Italy to Lemont was ordained last June 28 and celebrated his second first-Mass in Lemont in honor of Mom. His first Mass was celebrated in New York. Since she died we are learning so many things that Mom did, that no one knew about, if they did, they were very few in number. Some things I know we'll never find out. The two pictures you mentioned in your letter I found out about them about two months before Mom died as she felt herself slipping, I guess, and gave me different things to keep for her and among them were all of your letters to her and then I found out, but I never said anything as I didn't want her to think me snooping thru her things. Nothing was sealed so I thought it wasn't anything too personal. That is how I found out about them.

Mom has most likely told you of the Blessed Mother she had bought while Bobby was still alive and who he had visions with for five days. Well, I now have her on my altar and she changes, by that I mean sometimes she pale and looks sad and other times she's flushed and looks like she is trying to smile. Well, at the end of May I went to St. Joseph's Church to get the crown like my Mother had gotten from the Sisters' every year for the past seven or eight years. While there I got the urge to take the Blessed Mother out, not to everybody, but to special people such as the Sisters' that gave me the crown and to members of our block Rosary. The first Monday in June I took her to the Sisters' and then from there the same night to the leader's house of our block Rosary. The very next day and since then the veins appeared in both her hands and both of Baby Jesus' hands. The tips, joints get so red at times that you would think there real. She looks so alive at times. At another person's house a large bouquet of flowers that was at her feet--a little

wind sound was heard and just the center flower just shoch and the others around it remained perfectly still. At another place I took her, near the end of our prayers the two rosary's both the Blessed Mother and Baby Jesus both began swinging at the same time and in perfect rhythm and kept swinging even while I went to take them off to get her ready to take home. With the flowers all of us saw and heard it. With the Rosaries only our Rosary bunch saw it and the other two ladies present didn't see nothing. One place I took her the people were very religious and were so grateful that I brought her that the man made the Blessed Mother a beautiful arch with lights in it, numbering 15 in honor of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.

Father please forgive me if my letter is getting too boresome and long. I didn't mean it to be. I love and think of Mom and Bobby so much and Blessed Mother and Jesus and can never tire talking about them. I'm always trying to find out a way to make her altar more beautiful. Someday I'd like to have some pictures made of it and then I'd like to send you one. Until I can afford it, I guess I'll just have to wait awhile. Since Feb. 10, my husband was laid off at his fairly good paying job. Since then he found a small paying job for the last two months and were just trying to get by but not complaining too much. It could always be worse.

Well, Father, I'll say goodbye now, May God Bless You, the Blessed Mother Keep You in Her Care, and May St. Joseph Guide and Guard You In All Your Work Thru Your Whole Life. Please say a prayer for me that God and His Blessed Mother will make me just what they would like me and my family to be. Thanks again for your kind letter and thanks also for being patient with me. I am

To Jesus through Mary,

Marie
Mrs. Marie Stonich

father of most them
as much.

Graciously in A.C.
John Henry Jones

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Museum Dept
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Mr. Henry, etc.
August 6, 1950

Rev. A. C. Newman,
Long Station,

for assistance &
have been wanting
to write to you about
the letter of known

you have been remembered-

ing in your prayers.
She has met a fine
Catholic man and
Am sure in the near
future they will
be married. I am
most grateful for
your interest and your
prayer, Father. May
God reward you!

The enclosed five
dollars is for five
low Masses to be
read at your convenience
for God's guidance and
blessings on my work
for the coming year.

Sister Noel told me
of your visit to Rome.
Am sure the blessings
received during your
pilgrimage were
numerous.

Keep my intentions
in your prayer.

August 12, 1950.

Dear Robert:

Do receive my congratulations for your having entered into the state of Holy Matrimony. Understanding well as you do all the responsibilities that the new Sacrament that you have received entails, it is the obligation of all your family and friends to wish you all the blessings of God and therefore to pray incessantly for you. You, dear Robert, may count on my prayer for you. I have been already for quite a few years a dear friend of your mother and of Mr. Gomold, and I want to do my part in praying for you so that your holy marriage be always blessed by God and that Our Lord and the Blessed Mother be always the Honor Guests in your home.

Extend my congratulations to your dear wife, Maria Eva, as well as to your mother, to Eric, Theresa, and all the family.

Ever your true friend in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mr. Robert Armando Granados,
4172 1/2 Dalton Ave.,
Los Angeles 37, Calif.

August 12, 1950.

Dear Mother Mary Dolores:

Very many thanks for your letters, for the Holy Masses you ordered, and for the retreat notes. The success of your retreat and the blessings you received therein from God, especially what you call a dense cloud of deep peace, have given me a thorough consolation. Now all that I wish for you is that this dense cloud of peace be everlasting. In order to maintain this peace in you and, if possible, even increase it, the only word that comes to my mind constantly day after day during this my delay of answering your letter, is the word generosity. Be as generous as you can in what you know will be the Will of God for you. Be constantly asking for this generosity and make other people pray for your special intention. You don't need to tell what the special intention is, but it is generosity in fulfilling the Will of God.

I have a first class relic of St. Anthony Claret for you and I will send it to you some day soon.

Extend my best regards to your sister, Margaret, and re-assure her that I will be praying much for Tommy and his vocation. Tell your niece Dolores to continue praying for me. Do inform Sister Mary Mediatrice that I remember her constantly in my prayer. I will be very thankful to you if you continue informing me about her. We are beginning the novena to the Immaculate Heart tomorrow and I will be very happy to pray particularly for you.

Commending myself once more to your prayers,

Your spiritual Father in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

J.M.J.F.

Eve of the Assumption.

Dear Father Aloysius;

It's been such a wonderful summer, golden opportunities everywhere for receiving grace. Aloysius and myself are sincerely thankful for our visit with you, and know you are still praying for us and the children as well.

Before we left to go west, arrangements were being outlined here, that upon our return, I would accompany sister to make a retreat, about three weeks in all. So no sooner had we arrived home, when another companion (the driver) and the two of us (sister and myself) were off stopping at St. Joseph's Oratory, Mount Royal; Cap-de-la-Madeleine, P.Q; and St. Ann de Beaupre. This of course has been the first time that I have spent three full weeks with sister. I don't think Our Lord would want me to spend the time, wondering why I above so many others, more worthy than myself, should be chosen to be so close to her, at a time like this, however, I can't help but feel a mere nothing. The more showered with these graces, the more unworthy I feel. It's not alone the fact that we are allowed to be in her company that we are so grateful, but being in her company and receiving so many graces this makes us feel so indebted and in our small way can only prove our sincerity in loving and serving HIM better.

My husband and myself owe so very, very much to Father Gillespie, who makes all these visits and connections possible for us.

Could I but tell you the change it has made in our lives. I thank God that I can say, our, meaning my husband as well. It is especially wonderful that we can travel this road together.

Marcella Reehorst's death was a surprise, especially as I had wanted to visit her while in California, but did not have the time. We did get to the wake and funeral.

Our intentions are not to take up your time, but by letting you hear from us once in a while, feel more sure of your prayers and we will be needing them.

Our Blessed Mother sure has chosen some wonderful friends for us, from the East and the West.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Aloysius and Margaret Gertner

St. John of God

Dear Father:

I have had a half hour visit with Reverend Bishop Buddy on his tour during Confirmation in his parishes. He advises getting down to the study of Latin, which I have done, selling or leasing my place and trying the Seminary for a year or two at the end of which I will know: then I can dispose of my place to some good, or go back to it. At least, he said, give the Seminary a try. I plan to do that. He is a very kind man. A true Apostle. He said he needs priests, priest teachers, and lay teachers. He closed our talk with: "Remember, for you to say just one Holy Mass---that is everything!"

Father, I have two parties who might buy. I need that book of photos. Could you mail me Lou's address? He apparently overlooked sending it. Please continue praying for your spiritual

son, Paul.

August 12, 1950.

Dear Miss McHugh:

In regard to the matter you are speaking to me about, tell those girl friends of yours not to have anything to do with John G. and Marie, but to pray for them, and that they are bound to secrecy and that they may not in any way spread this scandal around. But of course they must not cooperate with John G. and Marie, and they would if they still continue writing to them.

You must understand that I am just answering your letter, but I don't like at all to speak of this matter. Therefore tell those two friends of yours that this secret be buried in them and never say anything about it.

Let me know where John is at present, and extend my best regards to your mother and her John,

Sincerely in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Miss Evelyn McHugh,
4925¹/₂ Quincy St., Apt. 25,
Chicago 44, Ill.

August 12, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Esther:

Many thanks for your letter of July 25th. I feel very happy in having your prayers and I want you to continue to pray for all my spiritual needs and those of my novices and of all those who have been, ~~will~~ or will be in spiritual contact with me, so that the Will of God be done in all and that they all do their level best in cooperating with the divine grace.

We are beginning the novena to the Immaculate Heart tomorrow and I will be very happy to pray particularly for you.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary Esther, R.S.M.,
1425 West Bridge,
Grand Rapids 4, Mich.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
August 14, 1950

Dear Father Aloysius,

I do sincerely hope, dear Father, that your trip to Europe was a memorable one, both for its temporal and spiritual joys and I am most grateful to God that you were given the opportunity of going.

When I last wrote to you my soul was troubled and distracted with temptations which violently persisted over a period of weeks. It was not until after many offerings of the Precious Blood that this was finally taken from me. For some time now I have been enjoying the peace, calm, and great stillness of soul that God often permits after such a tempest!

Our annual retreat is coming to a close tomorrow. It has been for me a happy and grace-laden one. Not only have I enjoyed His consolations but, what I believe to be more important, a new light has been focused on the miserable weakness of my poor human nature. I seem, through introspection, to see where certain matter-of-fact attitudes could, and have, no doubt, caused a large

share of occasions for temptations against purity. Of course, I am aware too, that a good portion of these temptations have been brought on as a result of certain physical conditions — but not all!

Through God's grace and the lights He has so abundantly bestowed upon me in this retreat, I am made aware of the very great precautions one must take in order to safeguard this virtue. Yes, precautions against things that have, in the past, seemed insignificant to me. I had not regarded them as grave enough to lead to any emotional disorder, but in the light of this retreat, I am brought to the realization that the devil uses many means to ensnare one. With God's help I shall be most vigilant to all possible sources of temptations in the future.

Again Our Dear Lord is drawing me closer and closer to Himself. My heart is on fire with love for Him and yet, I am restless to love Him more. The closer I come to Him, the more eager I am to possess Him.

These days of retreat have been priceless! Should that they could continue on! But now that they are drawing to a close

I stand, like a fearful child, afraid to venture out among my companions lest someone snatch from me my treasures; namely; His sweet Presence, this spirit of abandonment to His Holy Will, this cognizance of the minute vigilance I must take to guard purity, the even greater realization of His Voice in yours, this determination never to disappoint Him in anything! In a word - this heart filled with love! You, I fear that all this sweetness with Him may be interrupted by distractions. Bid Him stay with me, Father!

All of your notes and copies of each letter have been typed and carefully tucked away in my notebook where I can have easy access to them at any time. Lest some point, suggested by you, may not be given my full attention daily, I have made a brief outline for the purpose of using it in a daily examen. If this meets with your approval, I should like, for the sake of increasing my exactitude in executing them, to send you, periodically, a summary of this examen, that is, an account of my failures and successes. Many of

these points, as you will no doubt agree, will have to be marked in a general way, while others can more easily be marked in a detailed way. So, my intention is to stress one point at a time in my particular exam and reserve the others for the general exam. I believe this plan will have great spiritual value however, I shall await your decision on the matter.

Some time ago you commanded me, in obedience, to have perfect confidence in Our Lord. I have observed that in every case where you have commanded through obedience, there has been a decided turn for the better. My confidence and abandonment to His Holy Will have had a marked change. I have an intense desire and longing to satisfy Him in all that I do.

Perhaps you are saying to yourself, "She is in the favor of her retreat now." Yes, Father, that is true, I am, but nevertheless I am taking cognizance of the fact that shadows will fall again, and perhaps heavily too, but if you are still praying for me and will continue to

allow Him to guide me through your direction. I have every confidence of going steadily upward. How many, many, times you have told me that I must go all the way to the top!

I have every conviction that it is the only way for me, but Father, not without you. I count on you! Your prayers and your direction!

In June the Vocational Director from Saint Jude took three of my boys out to see your Seminary. They were very favorably impressed with everything and are now entertaining the idea of becoming Claretians at the close of our next school term.

May I beg for prayers for these lads. They are most promising but many things can bring about a change of mind. They need encouragement but I'm afraid it will be lacking on the part of their eighth grade teacher, unless, of course, some changes are made tomorrow when our assignments are given to us.

Please, Father, remember me to Alvin. I remember him daily at Holy Mass and pray that God will give him grace to measure up to all Claretian standards!

It is my intention to direct as many boys
as possible to your Order.. You know
I owe the Claretians a big debt of gratitude!
Alvin is my first but I hope there will
be many to add to the list!

Before I have an opportunity to mail
this letter my assignment will have been
given me so I shall reserve a little space
at the end here to give you this bit of
information. It is very necessary that you
know my address as I am anxiously looking
forward to a letter from you — soon, I hope!

Thank you, Father, for all that you have
done to help my spiritual advancement.

Your very grateful spiritual daughter,
Sister Mary Virginia

P. S. My assignment for this coming year
is St. Joseph's Convent, Downers Grove.

Perhaps you know where this place is.
They tell me it is about an hour and
thirty drive from Chicago. It is a
rather small place, I gather, since there
are only nine Sisters assigned to run
school there.

4826 Highland — Downers Grove, Illinois

August 14, 1950.

Dear Father Gillespie:

I received opportunely your letter of June 30th and so far I was not able to see your brother Cornelius, though I have been praying for him all this while.

May I explain to you my situation so to have forbearance with this delay of mine? It is very hard for me to go out because I am Master of Novices, without any assistant. The only way that I go out once in a while is when the people ask my Reverend Superior whether they could take me out for some very urgent affair, as happened the other day, August 4th, when a friend of Marcella Rehorst obtained permission from Father Superior to take me to see her at St. Luke's Hospital in Altadena. It was then my great privilege to be with Marcella about two hours, her last two hours of lucidity on earth, her last two hours of consummation of her sanctification. When I arrived at the hospital, they told me that she was unconscious, but as soon as I stepped into the room she looked at me and greeted me and became perfectly lucid. I suggested constantly to her the ejaculations she liked the best. She told me I was suggesting to her all that she wanted to say. Her favorite ejaculation was, "O my God! I love Thee with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength;" and the other, "Father, into Thy Hands I commend my spirit." She was all smiles, fully resigned to the Will of God. There was perfect peace in her soul. Then, on account of physical exhaustion, she wanted to rest a little.

I had to hurry back to my novices and when I reached home she was dead. I took good care that a scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was touching her body so to insure her the Sabbatine Privilege so that next morning, the first Saturday of the month, she would fly to heaven. It was a great grace for me to be able to attend the death of a saint. May she also intercede for the conversion of Cornelius.

I will thank you very much if you will write a little letter to my Father Superior asking him whether once in a while I could see your brother. May I also tell you how happy I was to see Margaret and Al Gaertner while they were vacationing in California. Margaret looked quite improved in her health and I hope that she continues so to be able to do all that she likes to for others.

Begging your blessing and your prayers for my novices,

Most fraternally yours in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Rev. J. J. Gillespie, S.J.
St. Ignatius High School,
1911 West 30th St.,
Cleveland 13, Ohio.

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Galdacano a 19 de Agosto de 1950.

R. P. Juan Luis de Ollacuria.
Mi queridísimo tío:

Después de recibir tu maravillosa misiva portadora de tus ansiadas noticias y acompañada de la flamante foto que gentilmente nos fué sacada por aquel simpatiquísimo P. en Igeldo y, en la que a decir verdad estamos muy bien, me dedico nuevamente a escribirte, después de haber estado esperando este tiempo como alima en pena, a la "grau" noticia que el Sr. Cónsul ha de darte. He esperado, como te digo, tu carta como la esperábamos todos los de casa, ya que me decías que ibas a escribir a todos y a cada uno. Obedece tu silencio a una posible enfermedad? En tal caso es más importante tu completo restablecimiento; o es que esperas a la contentación del Sr. Cónsul. He de decirte que la familia anda bastante revuelta, al no saber las impresiones que recibiste por

¿No te parece que no estaría del todo mal que pudiera irme, en Diciembre o Enero? No creo que el Sr. Consul pudiera hacer nada antes. Ah! si lo pudiera, no estaría del todo mal, aunque tampoco quisiera desplazarme sin tener el título en la mano. A propósito de esto, si volviese a ver al Sr. Consul, (que Dios lo quiera) pídele cuidado que no se entorpeciera de nada de lo que andamos por medio. Sería maravilloso que al principio pudiera colocarme en el consulado, ya que hasta acostumbrarme un poco al inglés me encontraría entre españoles y americanos. Cuán hermoso sería poder realizar este viaje a fines de este año o primeros del que viene. Todo hemos de confiárselo a la Voluntad Divina.

He comprado un libro de inglés: El Quirau que quizá lo conozcas. Tengo también un diccionario pero, hasta que me digas una cosa concreta no puedo dedicarme de lleno a ello, aunque ya lo hago en pequeños ratos. Lo creo que de momento, lo mejor

por los regalillos y demás. Creo que conoces lo suficientemente bien a tus hermanas, por lo que sobran más detalles. Todas indistintamente nos preguntan en cuanto nos ven: ¿Os ha escrito el tío? Casi no nos creen, cuando les decimos que aún no, (ya que la carta que me dirigiste permanece en riguroso secreto.)

Vamos ahora con lo nuestro. Me preguntan, si no podría hacer la reválida en septiembre. Esto como verás es de todo punto imposible. Esta sólo se realiza una vez por año, siendo su fecha intransferible, y es del 15 al 30 de noviembre. Hay muchachos que este año pueden acabar la carrera, pero que les ha quedado alguna asignatura pendiente y han tenido que asistir al campamento de la milicia que finaliza el 15 de septiembre. Pues bien, a estos muchachos, para darles una oportunidad, no los examinan con nosotros el próximo mes sino que lo hacen del 1 al 15 de nov. viniendo a continuación la reválida para todos los que tengan el curso aprobado.

seria aprenderme una serie de palabras y algunas frases,
las más empleadas, para poder defendirme al principio.

Le envío tres fotos de las que sacamos
en S. Sebastián, Tampoco estamos del todo mal, ¿no te parece?
aunque no tan bien como en la que tú me has mandado. No pode-
mos esperar más del "gran" fotógrafo de la familia.

A D. Domingo le di tus recuerdos, aunque en
un principio lo dudé un poco, por si se sepandía la noticia de
que habías escrito, pero me pareció un deber de conciencia y se los
di, devolviéndolos para ti. Quizá te parezca un poco raro, este
mi deseo de ocultar, el que me hayas escrito, pero no creas que lo
hago con mala intención. No ves que si "se enterasen" enseguida me pre-
guntarían por las mantillas y demás y, como no sabría qué con-
tarlas, dirían: Pues qué te ha escrito a este su tío. Está claro.

Recibe un recuerdo cariñoso de tu familia y un fuerte
abrazo de tu sobrino que te quiere man su.

J.M.J. Aug 19th 1950

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

Your good letter was a treat that You arrived home safe and well after a long journey thank God. I know You enjoyed it to see the glorious Halo of sanctity bestowed on Your holy Founder was a source of joy & holiness to You and all Your holy Order. I thought that day what a grand privilege it was for You, and then after all was over to meet Your longed for visit with Your dear brother Father Joseph Mary. how wonderful it must have been. only another proof of Mary's love for Her own.

I prayed for You that Our Blessed Mother would protect You from hurt or harm, or sickness, and to bring You home safe to Your charges, also asked that they would be good, now Thank God You found that all is well I'm also making the novena to the Immaculate Heart You and Father Joseph Mary, Billy Sutton, and all Your novices share with me, we had holy hour every day in the Church during summer school, I managed to get to all of them You and Father Joseph Mary as well as all in Your care were, in my prayers every day.

I am truly grateful to You for praying for me in Rome and all the holy places You visited, and above all a share in the Holy Father's blessing many many thanks.

enclosed find offering for Holy Mass, in Honor of Immaculate Heart of Mary & the Sacred Heart, in reparation for injuries & outrages inflicted on Them by sinners

I did not hear from Billy from the time I wrote to You, till August 8th when I got a letter from him saying he drove to the Dominican house of Studies on the eve of Saint Dominic's feast made application to enter the Western province, I ^{quote} I determed to go back to the Novitiate they are taking in two groups this year one the last of August, and the other group by the first of October but then of course I might be refused by the Provincial and said ask the Blessed Mother that I may be accepted that I have been doing hoping to hear from him soon he also said this year has been especially rich in experience for me, so I cannot but believe that Divine Providence had a very good reason for allowing me to act as I did those are his own words.

I wrote to him after reading Your good letter, told him what You said also advised him to if he did not receive an admission from Portland, to go and either see You or write to You, and explain fully Your entire situation to Father Aloysius, gave him Your Address, I feel sure Father that Billy has a vocation, he must have been at school during summer as his stationary mark bears University of Oregon, said he was going to Boise by Aug 10th I wrote to him to his Boise address, as soon as I hear from him I will let You know

I appreciate Your gift of a holy Crucifix, and all Your Blessings & prayers for my poor soul I will try in my small way to repay with my prayers for You and all Your charges, God and Mary love and bless You.

Devotedly Your Sister in Christ

Sister M. Mildreda

Thank Father Joseph Mary for his prayers for me I sure You are happy that God is blessing him with success also thank Billy Sutton for me.

as ever Yours.

Dear Father Alapine,
 May the Communicate Heart of Mary
 fill your heart with peace, joy and happiness.
 Sister Mary is here and she told me
 your dear Mother has gone to our Lord.
 I prayed for her very specially and I
 just finished the Jubilee and asked the
 Blessed Virgin to give it to her. I forgot
 to make a special mention when I went
 to confession, for the Jubilee, but I mean

I am Mary - of the - Watch
 that day 5. After August 30, 1950

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especially for you
 and I wish you
 always to be in
 my prayers and
 work. Please keep
 me always in your
 Holy Mass and good
 prayers, dear Father
 Alapine.

May Our Blessed
 Mother bless you
 abundantly.

Thank you for everything
 Gratefully
 Sister Mary of the Passion



to make it every time.

I received your kind letter the day we started our Retreat. I am so grateful to you, Father Aloysius, for keeping all my intentions in your prayers. Especially ask our Lord for me to have an "increasing desire for holiness" as you yourself said. I would like to have the confidence of St. Gertrude but I guess I am just afraid. Sister Noel says if you say so I should do it. You have a good pupil in Sr. Noel - I told that things worry me - and she said - "Don't you think that is insulting Him?" or words similar to that. It is something to think about, isn't it?

We all hope to get to the Trappist Monastery sometime during our Summer Course. I'll pray

August 22, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Clotilda:

Many thanks for your letter of July 31st and for your gift to the Novitiate. Today, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I have used the cincture that you made at my Mass and afterwards at the Solemn High Mass as a Deacon. And I have prayed for you very much. It was such a perfect work of art, and the Fathers and Brothers and Novices admired the needlework and I have been thinking of the many acts of love of God you have made while you were making this cincture.

I will continue praying for you. I advise you to continue invoking St. Anthony Mary Claret because his help is particularly great for the kind of ailment you have. But of course your suffering both physical and mental is most agreeable to God and more beneficial to souls than all your hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

I continue praying for your future foundation in the Diocese of San Diego. Extend my best regards to your Mother Superior, Mother Mary Thiadildis, and I am most thankful for your prayers. Continue helping me with them and I will do the same for you.

Sincerely in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 22, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary of the Passion:

This is to acknowledge your letter of July 31st and to assure you that I have taken care of your two Holy Masses. I want to reassure you that I have been praying for you and I will continue to do so in order that you may have perfect peace of mind and that you believe not only in theory but in practice that while you are this way loving God, you cannot hurt Him, especially with a big fault. The scruples have been your great source of purification, and foster henceforth a perfect joy in your heart.

I was extremely happy that you received the book on the love of the Sacred Heart according to the doctrine of St. Gertrude. Glad to tell you that this was the book that helped me immensely back in 1940 ten years ago, and I made of it a special study because it was most appealing to me and I know that it will be just the same for you.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary, whose Feast we celebrate today, be your haven of peace on earth and you heaven in the eternal bliss.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 22, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Myles:

Today is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the greatest feast for us Claretians. Your letter of August 9th greatly appreciated. I was truly happy in knowing your Mom and Dad when they came to Dick's religious Profession. Dick is very happy in Dominguez. I have seen him these last days several times on account of the Ordinations of the new Priests that have taken place there. During the Act of Religious Profession your Mom and Dad were very deeply impressed and shed tears, I believe of gratitude to God for having given them such a wonderful family, and, best of all, a daughter and son consecrated to God.

Your Dad gave me \$30.00, and we are saying thirty Masses for all the Harrigans, for all your needs and intentions.

Do continue helping Dick with your letters, always to the point, embedded in fine psychology and deep spirituality.

Counting on the continuance of your prayers on behalf of the one who, though unworthy, has been the Master of Novices for your fondest brother,

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 22, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Jane:

Many thanks for your letter of August 5th. I am glad to learn the good news about your sister. Also, I gave prompt attention to the five Holy Masses you ordered. I will continue always praying for you. Do the same for me.

Now let us foster as much generosity as possible in all our doings with Our Lord.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary Jane, C.S.C.,
Marini Route #4,
McHenry, Ill.

August 22, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Jane:

Many thanks for your letter of August 6th. I am glad to learn the good news about your sister. Also, I gave prompt attention to the five Holy Masses you ordered. I will continue always praying for you. Do the same for me.

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of Mary,

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Marini Route #4,
McHenry, Ill.

August 22, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Jane:

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of Mary,

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Marini Route #4,
McHenry, Ill.

August 22, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Eunice:

Many thanks for your letter. It is fine of you to send us Mass stipends, because we can always make use of them. I am praying much for you. Continue with your perfect generosity to Our Lord. That is what counts.

Since you are doing your best to love God and you have already in your own duties plenty to sacrifice to Him, your perfect abandonment to God is the best thing you can do without asking Him to take ten or fifteen minutes out of every hour of the twenty-four hours a day in your life. You are giving Him everything already and He is most pleased with you.

Continue always with the great peace that is yours and do not get disturbed at all about anything that happens in the fulfilment of your duties, because you are doing your best. You couldn't act differently.

Today, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the greatest feast of our Claretian Congregation, you and your intentions as well as all the Sisters at St. Johns are particularly remembered.

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August 22, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Stonich:

Many thanks for your letter of July 31st. I enjoyed it very much. Tell your husband that I am praying for his job. Now you both continue being most exemplary and God will be with you and will bless you and will make your life most happy with the happiness of the children of God and will lead you to the eternal bliss of glory where we piously believe your Mom and your brother Bobby are.

Continue always praying for me, as I will do for you.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 22, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Royer:

Today, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the greatest feast for us Claretians, I want to write you a few lines telling you how much I have appreciated your letters. To tell you the least with all truthfulness, I find your judgment very well balanced with the finest criterion about Catholic Spain, the Spanish saints and how it is the hatred against the faith of Spain which Elizabeth of England conceived and spread all over her kingdoms is still the main thing behind and beneath all this opposition to Spain.

My position is as Master of Novices, so I can do very little in any other field because my limitations as a religious forbid me to do anything else. Whenever you want to do something for our Holy Founder, just write to Very Reverend Father Provincial at the address on my present letterhead. However, I am very happy to receive your viewpoints concerning the different things you have spoken to me about in your letters.

Tell your daughter Jacquelyn to foster her love for the poor and underprivileged children. It is one of the most pleasing things ~~the Lord~~ she can do, to be a teacher of this kind of people, asking Our Lord and the Blessed Mother to speak through her to them.

I am very happy to pray for your family and all your intentions and I will continue to do so always. May Our Lord and the Blessed Mother who have loved you and distinguished you among so many and brought you to the Kingdom of the True Light where you enjoy also the true life of grace, give you grace to attain the fullness of the spiritual life. It is the sanctification of your own soul, because for this purpose you have left everything else

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

August 22, 1950.

Dear Reverend Mother General:

Today, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I am answering your letter of June 19th to tell you that it is my great happiness to fulfill what I promised you on your visit to this Novitiate, that I will offer your soul in every Holy Mass I say through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, to the glory of the Eternal Father in the Unity of the Holy Spirit.

I am very mindful of the intentions you wrote to me in your letter to pray for, and I pray likewise for all the other intentions you have in your administrative position as the Mother General of your Institute.

Continue to foster your intimacy with Our Lord, making it more and more firm and intense every day so to count on Him, to be able to say, "Omnia possum in Eo Qui me confortat--I can do all things in Him Who strengtheneth me."

I hope that your health continues improving right along. I will be happy to know good news about it; but whether your health is good or not so good, Our Lord will be with you and His Divine Will perfected in you and through you--which is what counts. I feel very thankful for your prayers. Pray much now, dear Mother General, so that the Blessed Mother through her Rosary may spare the world from another war. Do tell her in your own humble and bold way that she can do it. Therefore she must spare the world from the war. Present your Rosary to her many times, repeating the same message to her.

Gratefully in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Reverend Mother Mary Pius, O.P.,
Dominican Convent,
Mission San Jose, California.

August 23, 1950.

Dear Mother Marie Therese:

Your letter received this morning, and I wish all the blessings of God upon His faithful souls that have consecrated themselves thoroughly to His divine service. I know that what you really want is to grow in your union with Him, so this will be my favorite prayer for you.

I am very happy that your jubilee celebrations have been preceded by a fine retreat. My sacrifice in not being able to be present at your jubilee was offered to God in order that your union with Him may increase more and more.

My best regards to Reverend Mother Prioress and to all the sisters.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mother Marie Therese of the Child Jesus, D.C.,
215 East Alhambra Road,
Alhambra, Calif.

August 23, 1950.

My dear Paul:

Pardon me in my great delay in answering your letter of July 31st. I am very happy that you heard from the Carthusians of Miraflores and that Father Moore answered you. I am hoping and praying that your entrance there will be a fact soon. Now while you are waiting, continue loving God the way the Holy Spirit has taught you all these years.

Lou Rose is sending you back the pictures of the Oasis. It was too bad that he kept them all this time.

During my visit to Rome it was impossible for me to see the Camaldoli, nor the Carthusians in Burgos, because I was sick while in Spain. Both at the Vatican and at Lourdes I prayed much for you. Now pray hard that we will be spared from war and that Our Lord performs a real miracle with you soon to place you with the Carthusians at Burgos. Be in constant communication with Father Pablo Maria.

May Our Lord give you the fullness of oneness with Him. My best regards to your dear friend who is with you.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

What a big
sacrifice you
made in not
seeing S. M. M.
on your way
back to Cal. from
Chicago!!
No more
proofs are

J. M. J.
SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY
PROVINCIAL HOUSE
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS
Aug. 25, 1950.

needed to
prove to me
that you
are "ballot"
an "Alter Christus"
Jesus in every
sense of the
word.
S.R.M.

Dear Father Aloysius

If you had received a letter from me every time I thought of you since April 28, you would have a sufficient number of pages to make a large volume.

What opportunities and innumerable graces have poured into your soul during these four months! What great and holy privileges have been yours!

I am sure Our Blessed Mother has granted your great desire of an increase of love for her! I am sure she could not refuse you that at Lourdes! O Beautiful Lourdes where Mary is the Odorous-rium showing us her Jesus. And Rome - the holy ground, marked by the foot-prints of Peter, Paul and some of the other Apostles! What memories! And our present Holy Father who is so closely following the great St. Peter! And last but not least the Canonization

of St. Anthony Claret! Oh, could he but
give us his great love for our Eucharistic
Lord - his privilege of
conserving constantly the secret
species within his breast. Did you
get to go to Spain - to the Cradle of
your Foundation? And Talmage
Was it that quiet calm atmosphere
of recollection that Lourdes has?
A thousand thanks for the Holy
Mass said by you in New York! I
think the kind friend who requested
it was no other than Rev. J. Moyzinger.
Am I right? I appreciate this very
much, you could not have given me
a greater pleasure.

Are you still in the Novitiate?
How time flies - Sister Jeanne de Chagnon
sal, whom you sent to us Aug. 22, 1948
will take her 1st Vows this coming
January. The other Jean Birdsey is
still in training at St. Mary's! She is
to complete her course in June 1957. I
wonder what she will do next?
We are expecting 4 postulants

Sept. 8.
Our whole Retreat was on the "Divine
Indwelling" which we are to develop by
bridling our "Thought Life"! Pray out all thoughts
by the Adoration of Trinity within us - a perpetual
adoration to the Trine God within us.

God love you
Father
I pray for me
Dietrich

ST. JOSEPH CONVENT
4826 HIGHLAND AVENUE
DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

I would be glad, too, if your Vocational Director from Mokena would pay us a visit during the year. I am not free to invite him out here but I thought perhaps, you might be writing to him for something or other, and would suggest this to him.

Please, Father, do pray for the three boys at St. Genevieve's who want to be Claretians. Their teacher this year will do anything but encourage them! In fact, she will come right out and tell them that they have no vocations. I am just living in hopes that the priest from Mokena will

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August 26, 1950

Dear Father Aloysius,

I trust that, by this time, you have received the letter that I wrote to you during my retreat.

After giving me so much consolation in retreat, it seems that Our dear Lord chooses to give me a touch of dryness now. I am, however, continuing to pray — almost without ceasing, and with repeated acts of abandonment to His Holy Will. You commanded me to have confidence and I have.

I am lonesome here and I believe He is letting me have this trial just to prove that He is all I want.

With your prayers and

guidance I have hopes of making this the most profitable school year I have ever had. Something tells me it isn't going to be easy but I am not looking for easy things. I want to please Him. I know that He is all I want and the only one who can satisfy me. I know too, that I love Him. This I intend to prove by a renewed effort to do all that you tell me. This is His Will for me!

Father, I want to thank you for the books and pictures you sent of Saint Anthony Claret. I shall give them to my boys. Any vocational material that you send will be deeply appreciated.

keep in touch with them.
They really are so worth
while.

May I look for a letter
from you sometime in the
near future, Father?

Of course you know my
eagerness to receive
some word from you.

I can never thank you
enough for all that you
have done for me!

Gratefully in the Sacred Heart,
Sister Mary Virginia

Fr. Alojzious:

Dear Father: -

Enclosed is offering
for Wm. Howard's Masses
that he will be well
after auto accident &
that he won't lose his
driver's license.

He had "Boy Scouts" out
on a weekend & hurrying
back Sat. morn to be at
early Mass to go into
Knights of Columbus. He
fell asleep at the wheel.
Lost three front teeth
steering wheel broke &
hit his mouth.

He made his 1st Friday
Holy Communion

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the other man wasn't hurt
two cars smashed so
God was surely good
to him.

Thank You Father
Respectively

Mrs. Ray Howard
954 Hoover Ave
Los Ang. 22.
Calif.

St. John's Hospital

HELENA, MONTANA

Aug. 25, 1950

Dear Father Alaynis

I was one of the Sisters at Santa Monica in St. John's Hospital, Father and privileged to hear your confessions and have you as confessor. I am sorry I could not get your blessing and again go to Confession after the fifteenth. I am Superior here, at St. John's and feel very inadequate for the position. Will you please pray for us here in Helena, Father. My Sister is also in charge at the Orphan's Home, and faces some difficulties.

This is not too much of a Catholic place, but we hope to do much good thro the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

I am enclosing a small donation. Use it as you please, Father for your novitate.

Sincerely

Sister M. Victoria

Y.M.C.A. F.C.C.

P.O. Box 363 - Lake Arrowhead, Calif.

Sept: 1st /50

My Beloved Padre,

I immediately wrote the Bishop asking for an audience — I hope to hear from him very soon — I told him I wished to clear up a mis-understanding — I feel quite sure he will see me — Do not worry all is in God's hands, and I am praying hard

In haste with sincerest wishes and
Thanks —

In cordal greet,
humbly, always

Fanchón Royer

Apartado 41

Tehuacán, Pue., México.

September 5th, 1950.

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,
1119 Westchester Place,
Los Angeles 6, California, E.U.A.

Dear Father Aloysius:

It made me very happy to have your considerate and friendly letter written on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart. It especially gave me joy to read that you believe me to understand something of the things of Spain that are not always clear to North Americans. I have never seen Spain, but as many of my friends have been Spaniards and my business transactions with Spaniards have always been both pleasant and productive, I think I may say that they were somewhat influential in my own development - and in more ways than one. Some of my cherished friends have gone back there now, but they keep me in touch with what they are seeing and thinking.

I shall keep in mind what you tell me of the matters that must be referred to your Provincial. When I can, I wish very much to do something for your splendid founder, St. Anthony Claret. I enjoyed very much the books I read on him, including his autobiography. My present confessor, Father Henry Sharp, O.F.M., of Puebla, borrowed that volume from me and I was happy to have him tell me one day when I was seeking some special help in my spiritual improvement, that he could suggest nothing better than for me to re-read the passages I had marked in this Saint's autobiography, for the passages were so very fine that he, too, had been helped greatly through reading them.

Just now, I am starting on assignment a book on the miraculous shrines of México and Central America. There are various of these with most beautiful histories little known in the States. I have visited some of them. My latest book, *THE FRANCISCANS CAME FIRST*, is now in the type-setting department according to Father John Forest of the St. Anthony Guild Press, and will be out very soon. I shall send you a copy for all the characters I have written about are or were Spaniards save perhaps Pedro de Gante, who was one at least to all intents and purposes. Besides this, America's first schoolteacher, there are Martín de Valencia, Motolinía, Juan de Zumárraga, Don Vasco de Quiroga, El Beato Sebastián de Aparicio, Hermano Pedro de Betancourt, Margil de Jesús and Junípero Serra. Don Vasco was not, of course, a Franciscan, but the Franciscans were his earliest supporters and aides; and Hermano Pedro de Betancourt was a Third Order Brother who later founded the Belemitas. I hope the book will show American Catholics things they have not realized about Spain's contribution to America.

Now too, a wonderful thing has happened. Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz whose life I did in *TENTH MUSE*, for the first time in English in full book, will be honored throughout 1951 by 20 American countries including the United States where her statue will be placed in the Hall of Fame in Washington on the 300th anniversary of her birth Nov. 12th. It is being called Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Year and will be sponsored - among other groups - by the Pan American Union. Maybe this is why there was our delay in publication for there seemed no other good enough reason! Father Forest says he will have this book out too, by January 1st. May it honor her.

I have given Jacquelyn your kind message and she thanks you. Last Sunday week, she was received as a Third Order member and is very happy with this work. She has a very good and true spirit. She accepts her successes as God-sent and proof of His pleasure; and she accepts her set-backs as God-sent for her realization that some things need doing so much that God permits the evil one to try to interfere. When she is wrong about something, she has the willingness to see it and seek forgiveness immediately and she never holds spite. She always returns good for evil insofar as I can possibly see. But she is not in anyway a pietist, just quite truly pious and at the same time very gay and light hearted most of the time. She cannot refuse a need to anyone and she demands nothing for herself. I think it is unusual. But as it is almost entirely natural for her, perhaps her trials and real sacrifices are ahead in another way, as she has not had to struggle much yet. I do not see what her sacrifices may have to be, but we know they WILL have to be. Sometimes she may not do things she wishes, but then she so quickly conforms to what she may and may not do, that there is left no impression of disappointment. Perhaps it is sometimes greater than it appears, but we cannot see it. She is the biggest comfort of my life and she was precisely the child my protestant family deplored my having. She has never known her father and seems to have not the slightest feeling that she has missed anything. Her confidence is total in the right, and she has no complexes of any sort. She is easy with everyone but has no adolescent leanings toward "novios" and the things her girlfriends speak so much of. When they ridicule her for this (for she is very pretty) she doesn't mind at all. Sometimes girls have avoided speaking to her, as she thought, and she says, "But I always make them speak to me, Mother, for I speak to them and call them by name and, as you know, Mexicans are very polite and they have to answer." When her sisters say, "But why WANT to speak to anyone who doesn't care to speak to you?" she answers, "Well in that way I help them for even if it is just to improve their outside behavior that is better, no? And then it saves them being ashamed later." And when someone asks her if maybe girls are sometimes jealous of her, she says, "Oh no. They are my friends. It is just that I have some friends who like me less than some of my other friends. But they ARE my friends." At least she is surely their friend! She has prayed diligently and made her little students pray for the people who tried to take the school away (because they thought it was unprofitable to let the Indian children become literate) And now somehow they have stopped persecuting her and are quite "amable." Our Archbishop paid her a visit recently when he was here from Oaxaca and gave her a lovely commendation on her work on a card. It made her very happy. Almost every Indian she meets on the road hails her as "co-madre" and she has godchildren in every family. They come to her with all their troubles and when we have headaches here, we can hardly find an aspirin - for she keeps our medicine chest bare for "my Indians."

So many thanks for your wonderful prayers which I feel have protected us many times. It is a problem for me to be a good enough mother to these girls, for I am a late-comer and while I wish to do everything as He would have it, my thinking or at least my reactions were conditioned in another and even rather brutal world. I am not as calm as a Christian must be and I have to THINK it out each time. But at least I do not find anything in this world sufficiently desirable to lose the

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smallest fraction of what God has shown me. This should keep us fairly safe, but I am aware that I am not a young woman, that the time is short and that most of my life was wasted. Also that there are many wonderful, holy things that I perhaps still have not seen at all. Sometimes this makes me a little sad. I only wish these girls to find everything good much sooner or to keep them all - as they have found them. And I must beware not to be too over-demanding. Pray for that, dear Father.

Thanks again for your letter and may He reward you always for the comfort you bring to so many poor souls here.

Most sincerely,

Fanchón Royer
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St. Patrick Academy

Momence, Illinois

J. M. J.

Sept. 5, 1950

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Immaculate Heart Novitiate,
Los Angeles, California.

Rev. dear Father:

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J. M. J.

St. John's Hospital
Santa Monica
California

September 4, 1950

Reverend & dear Father Aloysius:

Dear Father:

Am enclosing
some Mass Stipends.

Please offer three Masses
for Dr Louis and Mrs. Kathryn
Prucher welfare.

Seven Masses for Sister
Mary Seraphia's intentions.

We are having the
Forty Hour Devotions
starting this morning

(Sunday) at the 8:00 o'clock
mass. I shall remember you
and your Community
especially the Immaculate
Heart Novitiate in my
Masses and prayers.

May our dear Lord and
His Blessed Mother continue
to bless your Community
with worthy candidates.

Yours in the Sacred Heart.

Sister Mary Eunice.

St. Patrick Academy

Momence, Illinois

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would not believe me now were I to tell her the things she told me. At the time, I feel that God gave me the grace to accept it - with the recurrence of events, however, it is not so easy. Any attempt on my part during the past six months or more to come to any understanding with Reverend Mother meets only with failure. Rev. Mother tells me that it ~~am~~ is only my imagination, touchiness, etc., etc. I have been tempted to write to Mother General - but this seems disloyalty to Mother Rose Mary. You know how closely we have worked together. I beg your prayers that I may have the grace to accept even this with a generous spirit if this is what God wishes of me.

We have council meeting this coming Saturday. I hope to see Sister Mary Mediatrix. Sister is somewhat better and has been moved down to the community department of the hospital. Frequently, however, the Sisters are not permitted to go to see her. I shall give her your message when I see her.

My nephew, Tommy, is now preparing to leave for the juniorate. He has been accepted and is most anxious to go. We all pray and trust that he may persevere. My sister was most grateful for your prayers for her and her family. Little Dolores will continue to remember you each day in her prayers. She is a very sweet child and I hope some time may have the grace of a religious vocation. Father Moisant consecrated her to our Blessed Mother when she was only four.

A friend of mine, Mrs. Roy Wikel, sent me five dollars to have Masses offered; two for her mother who is very ill, two for my own dear mother, and one for my intentions. I am likewise enclosing other intentions which I would appreciate your taking care of for me.

Asking your blessing and your prayers and assuring you of my constant prayer for you and your many intentions, I remain

Gratefully in Him

Sister Mary Dolores

Sept. 8th 1950

Rev. Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Claretian Missionaries.

Dear Father Aloysius:

Thank you for the Medals,
scapulars and Rosaries.

When I first heard about
you, from some new friends, two or three years ago,
they told me you could read the souls of those
who knelt at your feet. I have longed for
that time, but so far I have not had that joy.
I feel you are quite disappointed in me, that
I did not obey you, in regards to this whole
persecution - taking car humbros of Police cars,
and so forth, but Father Aloysius, I am
right in my premise. Our Pastor, former that
is, Rev. Father John K. Flanagan, told my husband
sister and I, the last time he was here for dinner,
last May or the first part of June, that I was
right - that there was a definite persecution and
surveillance against me.

My husband was not fair to me
in that he did not tell you he condoned me in
this persecution that he took a letter and about

over to see me, real soon, and please bring me
the relics, and a good number of scalers for letters.
I am sending this letter with a good friend of mine,
also, sending you a book to remember me by.

Yours from Blessing, Father Aloysius.

Sincerely

Florence O'Neill
P.O. Box 3054 Terminal Annex.

P.S. I sent you a special del. letter some weeks
ago. Have wondered if you received it

Sat. night.

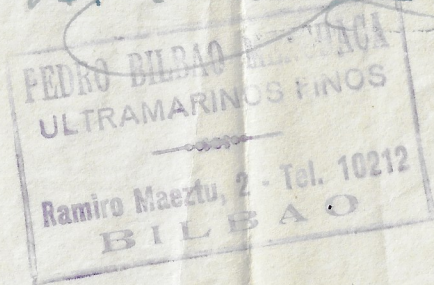
P.S. Since writing this, we know you are
coming tomorrow, so did not have to rely on
the friend I mentioned. Forgot to tell you
of a dear old friend, Rev. Father Urban
Habig, O.F.M., whom I have known
nearly twenty-five years. He is Superior
at Old Mission, Franciscan Fathers,
San Miguel, California.

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Bilbao 12-9-50

Hipólito Vlacuria, regaló las mantillas para las bienhechoras de Juan Luis su hermano. El motivo es que él no tenía dinero suficiente. Si ellas por esto le dan algo lo aceptaremos, pero si no, quedo conforme.

H. Vlacuria de Bilbao



Las mantillas entregadas
a Juan Luis, mi hermano, según
nos dijiste tú (José) eran para
sus bienhechoras. También nos di-
jiste que ellas ya correspondían
y esto nos hizo ilusión. Con esto
creo que ya es todo a tus des-
gustos.

Bilbao 11 de Septiembre 1950

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J.M. J.T.

Sept. 13, 1950

Pax Christi!

My Father in Christ,

Perhaps it is as well that you did not answer my last letter as long as you could not do it right away. The pain I spoke of then has recurred only a few times since. I had about a week's respite and then a "storm" blew up. The immediate cause was my failure to submit my judgment and obey blindly. The aftermath I honestly still don't quite understand, and as I don't understand I'll just have to leave it to our Lord. Through it all I followed Reverend Mother's advice to me previously, "to abandon myself" and in that way kept peace in my soul. An amazing thing happened though, and you may smile, I found that appeal to St. Theresa for help had immediate effect. Each time I called to her the grace came, and it has been ages since I have had any attraction to pray

to her. Now each time I am tempted against authority, and that is not seldom, I ask her help, and she gives it most generously. It seems to me that independence and disregard for authority is rampant these days and the devil can't stand it when anyone tries to follow our Lord's example of obedience.

As for prayer - it consists mostly in that desire for God: the word "God" alone suffices. Since Pentecost the grace to say the office "with Christ" was given me only once, for Matins of the Feast of our Lady of the Snows.

Father, do you think our Lord is displeased? You told me to let my prayer be whatever the Holy Spirit granted at the time, so I have not asked for anything different.

The last time I spoke with Reverend Mother, she said she thought I should have more frequent direction. However if our Lord wishes it He will have to supply it, I don't know what ^{else} I can do.

seem unreal and I wonder if my
soul is going backwards or forwards.
When it is worst I can only pray
a prayer of trust in His love to
sanctify me in spite of myself.

I think I've said it all, Father,
and to you, the Father of my soul,
I leave it to judge whether or not
~~on~~ the telling of it is worth the
sacrifice the consolation your reply
might afford. I will be content with
whatever way you decide, as God
wills.

Keep me in your prayers, and
bless

Your unworthy child in Christ,

Theresa of Jesus D.C.

P.S. Did you know Sister Carol's
father died last month? (As the
result of a heart attack.) It was
a terrible shock for her but she
took it beautifully.

Barcelona, 11 de setiembre de 1950

Rdo. P. Juan Luis Ellacuria
LOS ANGELES.

Muy amado Padre:

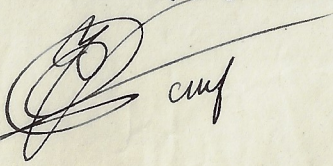
El objeto de la presente es el asunto de las cruces con reliquia de carne de SAN ANTONIO M^a CLARET.

Hoy acabo de recibir carta certificada de su hermano el P. José M^a de Pamplona y el envío de 50 \$.

Agradezco el envío. Pero francamente me he sentido defraudado, pues el contrato era de 100 \$. Y yo hice una serie de gestiones para cumplir con mi compromiso. Lo único que fué de momento imposible fué el que todos los crucifijos tuvieran reliquia de carne; pero le advertí que las 71 que le faltaban se las remitiría tan pronto me las sirviera el P. Bertrams de Vich. Dicho Padre no me ha podido servir por faltarle aros de metal. Creo que actualmente ya dispone de ellos. Mañana Dios mediante iré a Vich de paso para unas predicaciones. Y a la vuelta el 25 de este mes le escribiré sobre el particular.

De forma que agradeceré escriba a su hermano para que me remita inmediatamente los 50 \$ que faltan o bien entrega esta cantidad al P. José M^a Llobet de ésa para que lo ponga en mi cuenta cte.

En espera de sus noticias, soy afmo. s.s. y
h^o in C.M. q.s.m.b.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JL Ellacuria', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

P.D. Desde que hicimos el contrato en Roma el 7 de mayo han pasado 4 meses y hasta hoy no he recibido

pas que so

Como Juan-Luis no queria nada para si, le regalamos
las mantillas para las señoras que le favorecieron
el viaje a Roma. Si ellas, a su vez, le regalan algo
para nosotras, encantadas. Y sino le regalan, tambien.

Bilbao. A 14 de 9 1.950.

J. E. Elacuria

Austino Cortazar



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